

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 2, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully noted. By this Response, the Specification has been amended. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the application as originally filed. No statutory new matter has been added. Therefore, entry of the amendments and reconsideration in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Objection - Drawings

The Examiner objected to the Drawings because the Examiner deemed that reference character 44 has been used to designate both a target mechanism and a target member. The Examiner also deemed that reference characters 21 and 25 have both been used to designate a transfer mechanism. As understood from the following, no changes to the original drawings are necessary.

Reference character 44 designates only a target member. Applicants submit that the specification does not include instances where reference character 44 designates a target “mechanism”. Since reference character only refers to a target “member”, this objection should be withdrawn.

Applicants have amended the Specification to change reference character “25” designating a transfer mechanism to reference character “21” such that only reference character 21 refers to the transfer mechanism. Applicants respectfully submit that use of reference character 25 to designate the transfer mechanism was an obvious typographical error. Support for this correction may be found on page 8, lines 7-8, of the Specification.

Objection - Specification

The Examiner objected to the Specification for various spelling errors and because there is no detailed description of Figures 14a, 14b and 14c.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Specification, as amended, addresses the objections set forth by the Examiner. Therefore, the objection to the Specification should be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2005-260176 (JP '176). The rejection is traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that JP '176 is not available as prior art against the instant claims because the present application has an effective filing date (international filing date) of March 25, 2005, which is prior to September 22, 2005, which is the earliest date (publication date) JP '176 is effective as prior art. In addition, the instant application claims the still earlier benefit of JP 2004-089514, filed March 25, 2004.

Therefore, since JP '176 is not prior art against the instant application, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) must be withdrawn.

Request for Interview

Applicants respectfully request either a telephonic or an in-person interview should there be any remaining issues.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection and objection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and objections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Attorney Docket No. 033082 M 356**.

Respectfully submitted,
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